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Township Assessors Meet.

At the meeting of the township assessors held at the court-house last Saturday, June 10th, eight out of sixteen townships were represented as follows:

Brunswick, T. B. Jordan.
Cockrell, J. F. Kelley.
Keytesville, W. T. Curran.
Mendon, J. J. Kendrick.
Muscle Fork, N. B. Welch.
Sellsbury, W. C. Wright.
Salt Creek, F. M. Sanders.
Triplett, A. J. Cook.
Bee Branch, Bowling Green, Clark, Cunningham, Chariton, Missouri, Wayland and Yellow Creek townships were not represented.

Organization was effected by electing T. B. Jordan, of Brunswick, chairman, and N. B. Welch, of Muscle Fork, secretary.

After a discussion of the question the following schedule of assessment was adopted for the year 1893:

Cows, heifers and yearling steers, \$8 a head.

Two year-old steers, \$12.

Three-year-old steers, on grass, \$15.

Three-year-old steers, on feed, \$20.

Hogs, \$1.50.

Sheep, \$1.

Horses, \$30.

Mules, \$35.

Best Jacks, \$200.

Jennetts, \$25.

Swamp and hill lands, uncultivated, from \$1.50 to \$3 an acre.

Other lands from \$6 to \$20 an acre.

If you want a set of harness—in fact, anything in the harness line, try J. T. Swain & Bro.

Lost or Stolen.

Goetz's Concert company repaired to Sneed's hotel last Friday night preparatory to taking the midnight train for home after the entertainment at the opera house that evening. Mrs. Birkhead, the vocalist of the company, went to her room in company with several other ladies of her party, and when they started to leave Mrs. Birkhead could not find her \$100 diamond ring she claimed to have taken off after entering her room. The only party who had been in the room besides the ladies of the company was Jim Moorman, a colored porter and waiter at the hotel, and on its being intimated by Mrs. Birkhead that "the nigger" had gotten her ring, Jim indignantly demanded that he be searched, which was done, but the lost jewel was not found. Mrs. Birkhead and another one of the ladies of her party remained until the next morning, but obtained no clue leading to the recovery of the ring.

If it's "good, old country ham" you want, try Agee Bros.

Broke His Leg.

Albert Carpenter, who wields the pick and shovel in O. P. Dearman's coal mine, four or five miles from Brunswick, fell down into the shaft, a distance of 26 feet, by slipping from a board on which he was sitting on Wednesday of last week, sustaining the injury of a broken leg just above the right ankle and several painful bruises. The injured member was dressed by Dr. A. W. Zillman, of Indian Grove. Mr. Carpenter is in quite indigent circumstances and a paper was circulated last Thursday to raise money to provide for the unfortunate man. A neat little sum was raised.

New Odd Fellow Officers.

The Brunswick Odd Fellows' lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing year on Wednesday evening of last week:

J. R. Penick, N. G.; E. S. Hines, V. G.; G. W. Platt, Rec. Sec.; I. N. Reager, Per. Sec., and E. Bowman, treasurer.

On the same evening Dr. W. A. Knappenberger and Geo. W. Gilliam were admitted to the mysteries of the first of degree Odd-Fellowship.

J. T. Swain & Son lead on groceries.

Henry Penick, a Brunswick News typo, was laid up last week with a carbuncle on his right ankle, and from the pain it caused him Henry really thought it was a bunce quite as large as a car, and a box car at that.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Last Saturday afternoon Sheriff Dempsey received a letter in reply to one he had written the sheriff of Magoffin county, Ky., making inquiry as to the reward offered for one Ben Howard, who is wanted in that county for wife murder, being charged with shooting and killing his wife, while she was seated at a sewing machine at her father's residence, because she refused to again live with Howard after their separation.

In the same mail a letter was received at the Keytesville post-office addressed to Ben Howard, postmarked Salyersville, Ky., the same place from which Sheriff Dempsey's letter was received.

Howard called at the post office the same afternoon and was handed his letter, which he opened and commenced to read in an undertone to himself. Sheriff Dempsey, who was standing near, in this way learned enough of the contents of Howard's letter to know that the letter was warning Howard to get out of the way, and said that the sheriff of Chariton county had written back to Kentucky concerning Ben Howard, as to what reward, if any, was offered for him, etc.

Howard was at once placed under arrest awaiting further information from Magoffin county officials, but as yet nothing has been heard from them, although the governor has telegraphed Mr. Dempsey that there is no reward for Howard.

The letters received by Sheriff Dempsey and Howard were written in identically the same handwriting, but the former bore the signature of "Noah Minnix," who claimed to be the sheriff of Magoffin county, while the Howard letter was signed "Lark Howard."

A letter received since by Mr. Dempsey from the assistant secretary of state would indicate that J. W. Brown is really the sheriff of Magoffin county, so it is evident there is "a nigger in the wood pile," but just how to locate and smoke him out is yet to be solved.

At the time of his arrest a large spring-back dirk knife was found on Howard's person, and on this pretext he was held to answer the charge of carrying a dangerous and deadly weapon, and was locked in jail until yesterday afternoon when he was tried by a jury before Squire Wheeler and acquitted.

Howard came to Keytesville about the first of February, and since that time has been stopping at his cousin's or half brother's, Morgan Prather's or Howard's, out north of town.

Ben Howard has made several conflicting statements as to his past history and as to when he left Kentucky, which would lead one to believe that he is a man of bad reputation.

He is about 24 or 25 years of age, is dark complexioned, about 5ft and 8 inches high, and will weigh about 150 or 160 pounds.

Death of an ex-Treasurer.

Mr. Dan'l Richardson, an ex treasurer of Chariton county, died of Bright's disease at his home, in Hennessy, Oklahoma, on Thursday, June 8th.

At the time of his death Mr. Richardson was connected with a bank, at Hennessy, whither he moved from Kansas a few years ago.

He left Chariton county early in the eighties and took up his residence in Kinyman county, Kas.

During his several years' stay in Chariton county Mr. Richardson was a prominent citizen, and his old friends will regret to hear of his death.

His son, L. R., now lives in Missouri township, near his father's old homestead.

Marriage License.

J. B. Rucker and Miss Mary F. Gooch; M. A. Warhurst and Miss Lydia Noll; Geo. F. Cox and Miss Maude Smith; W. H. H. Collins and Mary Maybell Schorr; Reubin Blake col., and Mrs. Jane Twyman, col.

WEDDING BELLS.

Rucker-Gooch.—Mr. J. B. Rucker and Miss Mary F. Gooch were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. P. Rice, in Salisbury, on Wednesday, June 14th.

PARSONS-BANTA.—Mr. J. D. Parsons and Miss Lucy V. Banta were married at the residence of and by Rev. J. B. Rice, in Keytesville, on Tuesday night at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Parsons is the night operator, at Keytesville station, and the bride is an Indiana belle, having come all the way from Elkhart, that state, to link her destiny with that of Mr. Parsons.

Cox-Smith.—Mr. Geo. F. Cox and Miss Maude Smith were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, June 14th, at the palatial residence of the bride's father, Judge O. F. Smith, in Keytesville, Rev. J. B. Rice, of the M. E. church, officiating. A large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony which united the destinies of these two happy young people for life.

Promptly at 7:30 as the tones of the wedding march vibrated upon the evening air, the happy pair, preceded by ten young ladies were ushered into the parlor where the guests were assembled and took their position under a beautiful floral wedding bell, when Rev. J. B. Rice in a solemn and impressive manner pronounced the impressive words which made them man and wife. After the ceremony and congratulations were over the bride and groom led the way to the dining room where a sumptuous feast was in waiting, which was partaken of heartily and enjoyed by all, after which the bridal couple, accompanied by their many guests were driven to the depot, where they boarded the east-bound passenger train for Clinton, where they will spend a brief honeymoon with the groom's mother.

The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady whose place in Keytesville's society circles it will be difficult to fill. The groom has charge of the mechanical department of W. D. Vaughan's hardware establishment, is a gentleman in the strictest sense of the word and has a promising future before him. They were the recipients of numerous handsome and valuable presents.

The Courier extends congratulations to this worthy couple, and wishes for them the fullest measure of health, wealth and happiness.

We want all your butter and eggs, for which we will pay the top of the market.

J. T. SWAIN & SON.

Deceived His Wife.

We clip the following from the Brunswick News:

C. H. Waldruff, a night telegraph operator employed at the Wabash railway depot, in this city, for the past two or three months, disappeared from the city Saturday morning last, leaving his wife and child uninformed of his destination. On Saturday night Waldruff was seen at Triplett in an intoxicated condition, and he is reported to have left that place on a west bound train. The missing man's wife telegraphed to his father residing at Chrisman, Illinois, who arrived Wednesday, and took the family to his home at the above place. No reason is assigned for Waldruff's desertion of his wife and child other than his inordinate love for strong drink.

Agee Bros. have just received an elegant new stock of jewelry. Call and examine it before you make your purchases.

Luther Jackson's fine setter pup was run over by a wagon driven by some careless driver last Saturday. His pupship was quite badly injured about the shoulders, but it is thought no serious results will follow. Luther thinks a great deal of his "pup" and there would have likely been a fight had the fellow who drove over it not gotten out of the way.

Who Will Be Postmaster?

This is a question that is now agitating the minds of Brunswick's citizens.

Congressman Hall was there last Tuesday and met with the Democratic post-office aspirants in a private room at the Brown house that evening. The aspirants are: John Knappenberger, John A. Cason, George Rucker and Scott Locke.

Of course the meeting was supposed to be secret, but it has "leaked out" that Mr. Hall stated that a petition would not avail, and that the prime qualification for his endorsement would be a knowledge that the applicant had supported him at the Hall-Mansur primary in this county last year.

It is also reported that Mr. Hall said that he would not indicate his choice as to who should be Brunswick's next postmaster until the appointment was made, and that the first and only intimation of the change would be the announcement in the papers of the removal of Postmaster Luster, the present Republican incumbent, and the appointment of his successor, all of which he hoped to accomplish within 60 days, although Mr. Luster's time does not expire for about two years, but Mr. Hall will endeavor to have him bounced within the next two months on the grounds of "offensive partisanship."

As to why Mr. Hall declines to make his choice known until the appointment is made is best known to himself. Such a course will prevent the disappointed applicants from raising any protest against the appointment of the successful aspirant, except at a time when a kick will not avail for the appointment will have then been made and the empty-handed would-be postmasters must "take their medicine."

Now, gentlemen, go in and let Mr. Hall's warmest supporter knock the Brunswick post-office persimmon.

As a matter of formality Mr. Hall took the claims of the various applicants "under advisement" for the sake of appearances.

The precedent at Brunswick for a long time, at least, has been that postmasters were allowed to serve out their four years, but Mr. Hall proposes to establish a new order of things and to run the Second congressional to suit himself, and it is even said that he claims to have such an understanding and arrangement with Postmaster-General Bissell that he (Hall) could make any changes he pleased in the post offices of the district—within six weeks.

Whatever may be said of Mr. Hall he is no Mugwump and the indications are that he will play the role of boss and bouncer for all there is in it to himself and his Democratic friends, regardless of civil service or any other kind of rules.

When you want whiskey for medicinal purposes, try Kellogg's pure hand-made sourmash. It is the best.

A Pleasant Affair.

The strawberry and ice cream festival given by the ladies of the M. E. Church, South, on Thursday night of last week, in W. G. Agee & Bro.'s new brick store room on the south side of Bridge street, was quite a successful and pleasant affair.

The cakes and ices were par excellence and such as Keytesville ladies only know how to prepare.

The net proceeds amounted to \$38, which will be applied toward paying for the new roof on the Methodist church building.

If it wasn't for the ladies, God bless 'em, what would become of the men and the churches any way?

Dentistry.

By request of many of my friends I will visit Keytesville, professionally, some time in July. Look out for dates.

Dr. T. J. MOORE, Salisbury, Mo.

Allen Acquitted.

Prosecuting Attorney Wallace went to Missouri township Tuesday to try the case of the state against James Allen, col., charged with carrying concealed weapons.

The case was tried by jury in Squire Beeler's court and resulted in Allen's acquittal.

It seems that the defendant had been requested to bring his pistol to a neighbor's and shoot a hog, but when Allen got there the hog had gotten out, and managed to escape the scalding tub and sausage mill.

On his way home Allen called at another neighbor's, in whose arrest for some breach of the law Allen had been instrumental a short time ago, and that neighbor, who, it seems, had been waiting for a change to get even, saw that Allen was carrying a concealed weapon, and swore out a warrant for his arrest, but all the circumstances and the evidence tended to show that Allen had carried the pistol for a lawful purpose, so the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." Capt. J. C. Wallace appeared for the state and Attorney P. S. Rader, of Brunswick, represented Allen.

A Naughty Husband.

The Guthridge Mills correspondent of the Brunswick News says: An elopement occurred at Guthridge Mills this week, in which Dan Clark, a young married man, and a Miss Stevens figure as principals. Clark has been married some four or five years; but it seems that he and his wife did not get along well together as they have parted several times, the last time some four or five months ago. Clark went to Colorado and did not return until this week, since when he and the girl left for parts unknown. A whipping post would be a good thing for such as he.

J. T. Binford returned from Pryor Creek, Cherokee Nation, Tuesday, where he had been on a prospecting tour. "Jack" purchased, while down in the land of the red man, a 50-acre crop of corn, which is waist high and laid by. He says the section of country around Pryor Creek is as fine farming land as a crow ever flew over, and that he has decided to locate there. After spending a month with his family and friends here he will return to look after his interests in that section. His family will remain in Keytesville until spring when they, too, will take up their abode in the Nation.

The opening of Lakewood, Sumner's delightful summer resort, last Sunday was a grand success in every respect, we understand. The ball game which was to have been played between Richmond and Mendon did not take place, as the Richmond boys could not be present, so Norborne came down and tackled the Mendonites to their sorrow, being defeated by a score of 13 to 1. Paul Dodge, Jos. Ritzenthaler and Louis Haneman, of Keytesville, played with the Mendon boys. Hansman and Bud Dodge doing the battery work for Mendon.

Mrs. Sarah von Allman died at the residence of her brother, John Heiman, near Brunswick, on Wednesday of last week, aged 72 years. The deceased was a native of Switzerland, and was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Interment took place at the family burying ground, on Mr. Heiman's farm, funeral services being conducted by Rev. F. G. Walther, pastor of the Lutheran church, at Brunswick.

Louis Benecke, jr., of Brunswick, was at the capital last Friday putting the Brunswick-Keytesville telephone line in repair. Young Mr. Benecke is quite a bright young man and has recently returned from his studies, at Washington university, St. Louis.

Mrs. E. B. Elliott and children, of Salisbury, returned home the latter part of last week after a pleasant visit of several days to Keytesville relatives.

Fifty Dollars and Costs.

This is the tune the jury sang J. L. McKann, who was tried in Squire Shipp's court, at Triplett, last Monday for carrying concealed weapons.

McKann threatened to "lay out" the amount of his fine and costs in jail, but being a man of property he was informed that those only who were unable to pay for breaches of the law in misdemeanor cases were allowed to board at the jail and form the acquaintance of the rock pile.

So Mr. McKann had to unloosen the strings of his wallet, and part with some of his hard-earned filthy lucre.

GREAT REDUCTION.

I am making great reductions in all departments of my mammoth establishment. Everything in the line of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, gents' furnishings, white goods, embroideries, carpets, etc., will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

WM. ROSENSTEIN, Brunswick, Mo.

A revival has been going on at the A. M. E. church, in Keytesville, for some time and has resulted in quite a number of additions to the church, some 12 or 14 of whom were baptized by immersion in the mill pond last Sunday afternoon. One of the good old colored sisters on being asked why they did not wait until the meeting closed before having the baptizing replied: "You see we wants to string de fish as fas' as we ketch 'em."

A. L. Darnell, who for the past year has had charge of the mechanical department of Chapman Bros' harness shop, at this place, has returned to Indiana. The services of A. Hermann, of Slater, have been secured in the same capacity by Chapman Bros. Mr. Hermann comes well recommended as an expert workman and will no doubt keep the department of which he has charge up to its present high standard.

Mrs. Mary E. Bowers, widow of the late W. J. Bowers, of Bucklin, Mo., has brought suit in the Macon county circuit court against the Santa Fe company for the killing of her husband, some time ago, by one of its trains. She claims \$5,000 damages and charges that her husband's death was the result of gross negligence on the part of the company's employees.

The latest reports from the neighborhood of Hamden are to the effect that there is a great deal of corn yet to be planted in that vicinity, and that the larger part of that already planted will have to be planted over again. The continued wet weather this spring seems to have delayed farmers more in that locality than in other parts of the county.

Judge Rucker's many friends will be glad to hear that the judge is now rapidly recovering from his affliction of a disabled leg, caused from a number of boils, and that he will soon be about again. He and his better half and Master Roy Rucker expect to leave about the 1st of July for West Virginia, for a six or seven weeks' visit to relatives.

J. R. Price, who represents Crow & Co., a Moberly milling and grain-dealing firm, is paying 62 cts a bushel for wheat delivered at Dalton. Mr. Price has done an immense amount of shipping from that point during the past few months consisting of 60 cars of corn, wheat and tobacco.

Messrs. Price & Winkler, of Dalton, have just had the interior of their saloon handsomely papered. P. C. Coleman, the artistic paper-hanger, did the work.

Come to Keytesville and get J. T. Swain & Son's prices. They will not be under sold.